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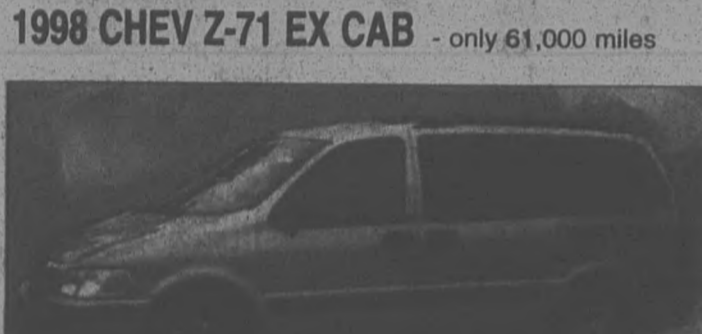
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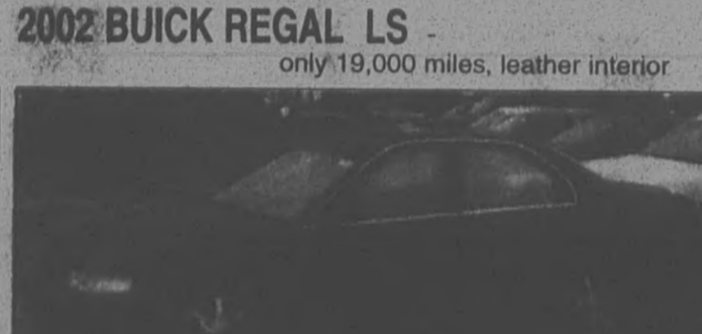
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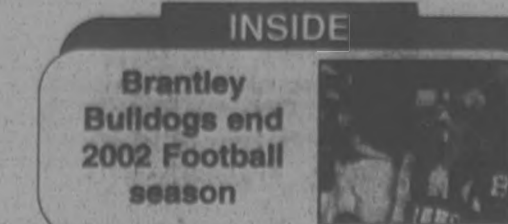
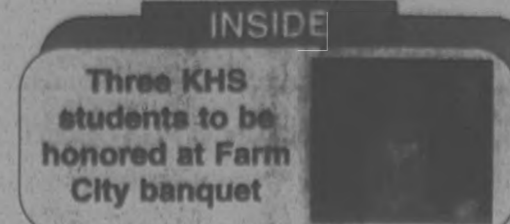


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Official presentation of award set for Thursday, Nov. 21

EDSCO Fasteners named Business of the Year for 2002 Coffee County Farm City Week

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The 2002 Coffee County Farm City Week committee held a press conference last Tuesday, Nov. 12, to announce this year's award winners in several different categories, and an Elba business received one of those honors.

EDSCO Fasteners of Elba was named Business of the Year by the Farm City Week committee, and the award will officially be given to owner Daniel Stephens and his wife, Rhonda, during the annual Farm City Banquet tonight (Nov. 21) at the Coffee County Farm Center.

Stephens joined Edwin Gannon in opening EDSCO in October of 1992 after the two men realized a need for a fastener distributor in Coffee County. From the beginning, EDSCO distributed nuts, bolts and screws, and a couple of years after opening, the business expanded after the owners purchased their first threader to begin manufacturing anchor bolts, studs, tie rods and similar items for the construction industry.

In 1997, Stephens was given the opportunity to purchase Gannon's interest in the company, and through the years the company has continuously grown. This is evident through the 4,000 square foot expansion of the warehouse and manufacturing facility since EDSCO first opened in '92.

Today, EDSCO Fasteners specializes in manufacturing, construction and maintenance. It has a large inventory of Grade 2, 5 and 8 stainless steel and structural bolts, threaded rod and rivets in addition to many specialty items.

"After suffering the effects of Hurricane Opal, the flood of 1998 and a decline in the economy, they have steadily negotiated with their suppliers to diversify their inventory and add some of the best lines in the fastener industry," Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, said while announcing EDSCO as the award recipient. "EDSCO

stands ready to service their customers' every need and pride themselves on the fact that good service is the key ingredient to their past and future success."

Again, the award will officially be presented during the 2002 Coffee County Farm City Banquet which will be held this evening (Nov. 21) at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Other awards to be presented include: Farm of Distinction; Livestock Production; ConAgra Broiler Producer of the Year; Wayne Farms - Brinler Grower of the Year; Wayne Farms - Pallet Grower of the Year; Wayne Farms - Hen Grower of the Year; Industry of the Year; Peanut Awards; Cotton Award; Forestry Award; Outstanding Conservation Farmer; and several outstanding youth of Coffee County will be honored.



During a recent press conference, EDSCO Fasteners of Elba was named the Business of the Year by the 2002 Coffee County Farm City Week committee. The award was presented to Daniel and Rhonda Stephens (center), owners, by Elba Mayor James Grimes (left) and Elba Chamber of Commerce executive director Kaye Whitworth (right). EDSCO, along with other award recipients, will officially be honored tonight (Nov. 21) during the annual Farm City Banquet.

Docket call trims case load for Elba Division Criminal Jury Term

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A term of criminal court for the Elba Division of Coffee County has been scheduled for the week of Dec. 2, 2002.

On Thursday, Nov. 14, attorneys and judges assembled in the courtroom at the Elba Courthouse for a docket call on the cases set for trial. After this docket call, the total number of cases set for trial beginning Monday, Dec. 2, had slimmed quite a bit with many choosing other actions.

The following is a list of the defendants, their charges and the disposition in each case that was either set for trial, a plea entered, the case continued or it was dismissed:

State of Alabama vs. Susan Holderfield alias Susan Holderfield Harrison; charged with distribution of a controlled substance; motion to dismiss.

State of Alabama vs. Otis Daniels; charged with discharging a gun in an occupied building; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Otis LaVaughn Daniels; charged with robbery, first degree; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Davis Ray Roberts; charged with manslaughter; a plea was entered in this case.

State of Alabama vs. Cathy Burks Lockett; charged with

possession of marijuana, first degree; charged with possession of marijuana, second degree; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Kenneth Wayne Harrison; charged with possession of methamphetamine; charged with possession of marijuana, second degree; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; case continued.

State of Alabama vs. Brandy Streetman; charged with possession of methamphetamine; a plea was entered in this case.

State of Alabama vs. Shane Wilson Meeks; charged with possession of marijuana, second degree; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Jeffery Mex Lane; charged with possession of marijuana, first degree; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Andy Bowers; charged with receiving stolen property, second degree; case continued.

State of Alabama vs. Andy Bowers; charged with receiving stolen property, second degree (two counts); case continued.

State of Alabama vs. Larry Paul Siler; charged with theft, first degree; case set for a plea to be entered or for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Michael D. Bailey; charged with possession of a firearm with alt.; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; charged with

possession of marijuana, first degree; case continued.

State of Alabama vs. Eric Hill; charged with distribution of marijuana; case continued.

State of Alabama vs. Joshua Paul Morgan; charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance; case set for a plea to be entered or for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Willie Paul Mitchell; charged with burglary, third degree; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Tony Terrell Burks; charged with burglary, third degree; case continued.

NEWS BRIEF

The Coffee County Elba Division Grand Jury met in regular session Tuesday, Nov. 12.

The Grand Jury inquired into a total of 31 cases and handed down 25 indictments (20 were felonies and five were misdemeanors).

The Grand Jury returned five no bills and continued one case for further investigation.

Arraignments for indictments handed down by this Grand Jury are scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Elba Courthouse.

Area Happenings

COFFEE COUNTY FARM CITY BANQUET will be held Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m., at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton. Dinner will be served, and awards will be given. For ticket information, call the Coffee County Extension office at 894-5506.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS sign up dates in Elba will be Monday, Nov. 4, until Friday, Nov. 22, at the Elba Recreation Department or Department of Human Resources.

A COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held Sunday, Nov. 24, 6 p.m., at the First Assembly of God Church on Highland Drive in Elba. Everyone is asked to bring canned food items for the Christian Mission.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting Thursday, Nov. 25, 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Offices will reopen Monday, Nov. 25, at 8 a.m. Standby crews will be available for any emergency with electric, water, street or sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Dept. at 897-1553. Garbage schedule is as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - No Change; Thursday garbage - pick up Friday - cans should be on the road before 6 a.m.

THE ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB will meet Monday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m., in the boy's locker room at Elba High School. All members are encouraged to attend.

NOTICE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, The Elba Clipper will observe special deadlines for the Nov. 28th edition of the newspaper.

The deadline for Church and Social News will be Friday, Nov. 22, at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all other news will be Monday, Nov. 25, at 12 Noon.

The deadline for all advertising also will be Monday, Nov. 25, at 12 Noon.

The Elba Clipper will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, for Thanksgiving.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

It took a while, but the 2002 elections are over in Alabama. The concession late Monday by Governor Don Siegelman paved the way for Governor-elect Bob Riley to move forward with his transition plans without the distraction of continuing the fight for the position. Regardless of how any of our readers voted on election day, the majority who have expressed an opinion, think this was the right thing to do. There are still lingering questions (and will forever be) about some of the counts, but enough is enough. There is no doubt a complete recount would turn up some different numbers, but there is no guarantee they would be for Siegelman... the differences could well be for Riley and make his slim margin a bit stronger.

As an open Siegelman supporter, we must admit a twinge of pain when hearing he had conceded. However, we can compare our feelings here (to a lesser degree however) with our readers who have sat with loved ones who were slowly dying. You know they are going and have accepted it, yet you hurt a bit more every time you visit with them or even think about their impossible health problems. There is a certain relief that comes over you when the pain and suffering is over, once and forever.

Tuesday, the federal court decision over the Ten Commandments monument in the Alabama Supreme Court building had to take second place to the activities in the Governor's race. However, the huge monument, placed in the first floor rotunda by Chief Justice Roy Moore in July, 2001, is illegal, according to Federal Judge Myron Thompson. Of course, as expected, the decision is going to be appealed to a higher court. In fact, we predict that whichever side wins the next step up the ladder, the issue will go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, maybe more than once.

High School football is over for this year, at least in Coffee County. However, there are a couple of colleges of local interest that are planning a game some time later this week... like maybe Saturday in Tuscaloosa. It is hard to imagine working one way through the crowds since they started playing that game at Tuscaloosa and Auburn. It was 27 years ago that we attended the clash while it was still in Birmingham, and that was enough. Since that time we have found a soft chair (at home) to sit in for watching and/or listening to the game. Hedy and I had gone the whole nine yards that year. We had gone up early, gotten a motel room the night before (and afterwards) and rode one of the shuttle busses to Legion Field. Still, that was just far more people than either of us cared to be rubbing elbows with, at least all at the same time! It is great that events like this are out there for those who get a thrill out of the trip, the noise, the pushing and shoving, etc. that goes with such happenings, but it is even greater to have a warm, dry home in which to sit and absorb the happenings... and know the bathroom is just around the corner and there is no long line waiting.

Auburn Student newspaper wins award

Auburn University's student newspaper, The Auburn Plainsman, has been awarded The Plainsman, the third most honored collegiate newspaper in the nation, was the only Alabama college newspaper this year to receive the award, its 21st since 1966.

The Daily Tar Heel of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and The Indiana Daily Student at Indiana University are the only other college newspapers that have won more Pacemakers than The Auburn Plainsman.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of November 11, 2002, through November 17, 2002. They were: Sara Chandler, Mary Parrish, Debbie Morgan, Coy Nelson, Roy Jackson, Lucille Stackhouse, Watson Clark, Billy Killingsworth, Melanie Pope, Evelyn Duncan and Maggie Head.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Shirley Hopkins, Sara Chandler, Katherine Boothe, Debbie Morgan, Coy Nelson, Sara Jimmerson, Bernice Washington, Mary Parrish, Jimmy Lindsey, Roy Jackson, Lucille Stackhouse and Melanie Pope.

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Southeast Alabama benefits from new defense budget

by Congressman Terry Everett

It's certainly no secret that Southeast Alabama's economy is largely connected to federal military spending. With our military bases generating an annual economic impact of nearly \$2 billion, and employing tens of thousands, folks from Central Alabama to the Wiregrass benefit. The 2003 Pentagon budget signed into law by President Bush ensures that workers from Tallapoosa to Troy and beyond continue to play a major role in our nation's defense.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 11, 2002, investigated the following incidents: four for theft of property, two missing persons, one burglary, one receiving stolen property, one collision with an unattended vehicle, one unlawful possession of marijuana, one interference with custody, one harassment, two for driving under the influence, one domestic violence and one family disturbance.

The following arrests were made: one for unlawful possession of marijuana, three for driving under the influence and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: nine for no insurance, four for violation of the seat belt law, one for driving with a canceled driver's license, six for speeding, two for driving without driver's license in possession, one for driving with suspended driver's license, one for running a red light, one for violation of a driver's license restriction, two for driving with a revoked driver's license, three for driving without first obtaining a driver's license and one for violation of the noise ordinance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - River stage - 6:50 feet (6:15 a.m.); Two-vehicle accident reported on Adkins St. in front

of State Farm (4:21 p.m.). TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - River stage - 8:77 feet (6:07 a.m.); Loud and excessive music reported on Caroline St. (10:02 p.m.). WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Coffee County Jail (12:43 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 524 E. Davis St. (12:44 a.m.); River stage - 9:48 feet (5:44 a.m.); Alarm activated at 16668 N. Claxton Ave. (1:28 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Elba Work Release (2:02 p.m.); Alarm activated at 716 B Hwy. 87 North (5:20 p.m.). THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - River stage - 9:75 feet (6:25 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 6665 Hwy. 87 South (3:09 p.m.). FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - River stage - 9:06 feet (6:26 a.m.); Minor accident reported at Kelly's Bar-B-Que (12:14 p.m.); Motor vehicle accident reported on Taylor Mill Rd. below the Tabernacle Church (5:53 p.m.). SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - River stage - 8:24 feet (7:08 a.m.); Alarm activated at 859 N. Claxton Ave. (11:13 p.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported at 117 Cordelia (10:38 p.m.). SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 16812 Hwy. 134 (6:26 a.m.); River stage - 8:53 feet (6:38 a.m.); Accident reported at the intersection of Lee and Martin Luther King Dr. (10:47 a.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported at 1559 Reese Ave. (8:32 p.m.).

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- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m.-City Hall
- WATER & ELECTRIC Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP every Monday 6:30 p.m.-Elba United Methodist Church-entrance on side on W. Davis St.-Margie Garrett Classroom
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Suite Office
- AMERICAN LEGION 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
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- BAND ROASTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 694-2531
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
- COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon- Colony Inn, Enterprise
- ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Datsun Hanger at the Airport
- AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday 8:00 a.m. of the month
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chases by \$11 billion, a move that will definitely impact defense workers in Southeast Alabama.

In the new defense bill, I was pleased to support the Pentagon's purchase of \$498 million in new high tech missiles which are partially produced at Pike County's Lockheed Martin facility. The Pike County workers will have a hand in rolling out additional Longbow, Hellfire, Javelin, Predator, and JASSM missiles, which are vital to winning the war on terrorism as well as protecting our forces around the world.

Earlier this summer, Lockheed Martin Pike County broke ground on a new facility to assemble "THAAD" missiles, which target non-strategic ballistic missiles as they reenter the earth's atmosphere. Once on line, this new mission will generate an additional 150 jobs.

In Central Alabama, GKN Aerospace in Tallapoosa and Montgomery will focus their skills on turning out high-tech composite parts for 19 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters valued at \$270 million. Last week, I was proud to join the workers of GKN as they celebrated their 17th anniversary in Alabama. Their products are second to none and contribute greatly to America's military aviation efforts.

I am also pleased to note that the new defense budget includes

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Elba residents are being asked to nominate an Elba person(s) "with a big heart" to participate in this "All-Star" celebration. Applications will be reviewed and approximately 20 citizens will be asked to participate in the ceremony concluding the Christmas festival activities on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002 honoring Elba's "biggest hearts."

Applications must be received at the:
Elba Chamber of Commerce Office
200 Buford Street
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by 12:00 Noon on Friday, Nov. 22, 2002.

Applications may be picked up at area businesses or from this issue of The Elba Clipper. Don't let your "All-Star" be left out. Don't let your All-Star be left out. Submit your nomination form today. For more information contact Kaye Whitworth at 897-3125 or Lynn Baker at 897-3813.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open Letter to EHS Class of 1972.

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Thank you for remembering us.
Sincerely,
Margaret Calhoun, LMS
Elba High School

Dear Editor,

I would like to say a big thank you to our Police Department. Today, (Monday) our program with the Girl Scout Group 296 and Boy Scout Bear Cubs did not pan out as we had planned. "Oh

Elba Public Library

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Obituaries

INEZ M. SMITH

Mrs. Inez M. Smith, age 81, of Gray, Ga., died Nov. 14, 2002.

Graveside services were held Nov. 20, 2002 at Danley's Cross Roads Baptist Church Cemetery in Elba, Ala. Snow's Memorial Chapel, Macon, Ga., was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include one daughter, Yvonne (Larry) Callaway, Gray, Ga.; one son, Dwain (Judy) Smith Sr., Gray, Ga.; three sisters: Mary Moore, Wayne Griffin Adams and Myra Wells, all of Phenix City, Ala.; one brother, Delton Mills, Tuscon, Ariz.; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

ANNE LAURIE "LOTTIE" CLARK
Ms. Anne Laurie "Lottie"

Clark, age 86, formerly of Elba, Ala., died Nov. 17, 2002 at Bay Manor Nursing Home in Pensacola, Fla.

Graveside services were held Nov. 20, 2002 at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Andrew Smith officiating. Burial followed with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include one sister, Christine Nichols, Enterprise, Ala.; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial will follow in the Red Oak Baptist Church Cemetery, Mr. Clark will lie-in-state in the church one hour prior to services on Thursday. In lieu of flowers the family request memorial contributions be made to the Red Oak Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Florida, Ala. Survivors include two sisters: Jessie Lee Donaldson, Elba, Sara C. Baker, Perry, Ga., and several nieces and nephews.

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SCHOOLS

Character Trait

by Jessica Hathcock

This week's character trait is Punctuality. Punctuality is defined in Webster's Dictionary as "The quality or state of being punctual; especially, adherence to the exact time of and engagement; exactness."

Punctuality is a very important characteristic to have and use in your everyday life. You need this to arrive at school and work on time and while going to meet with recruiters or for a job interview. If this is an area in you personally that you find you are lacking, it would be in your best interest to work on improving your ability to arrive where you have promised to be on time every time.

Elba students hold canned food drive

by Ayonna Procter

The Elba Elementary School and the Elba High School Student Council Association sponsored a canned food drive. The drive began October 28 and ended November 13. Students from each school were to bring as many cans as they could. The students of EHS were given motivation by being promised an extended break for the grade that brought the most cans. The cans collected will be given to The Coffee County Department of Human Resources, which will use the cans to feed needy and deserving families during the holidays.

SCA would like to thank all of the students for their help and support.



Tiger Tales

Editor:
Sheena Flowers

Program earns cash for school

by Blake Brunson

For the past several years, Elba Elementary School has been participating in a program called Box Tops for Education. Box Tops for Education is an organization to help raise money for schools. Here's how it works. Companies put the Box Tops for Education logo on their product. Participants cut it out and send it to the school. Then, the school sends them in, and receives a check in the mail. Each box top is worth 10 cents. Box tops can be found on General Mills products, as well as products by Pillsbury, Green Giant, Totino's, Progresso, Old El Paso and Gold Medal.

There are also other ways to contribute to your school.

VICA students visit Honda Plant and Talladega Speedway

by Meredith English & Alex Benbow

VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) is one of the many clubs offered at Elba High School.

This club allows many of the students an opportunity to get the type of work experience they wish. VICA members are a combination of the co-op students, auto mechanic students and welding students. Obviously, the sponsors of VICA are the teachers of the students who make up this club.

Mr. Donald Lawford, Mr. Larry Goodson and Mr. Bruce Sasser. At least once a year, the VICA students get an opportunity to participate in an all day trip. Last year the students went to Mobile to explore the USS Alabama on Sept. 11. This year the group went to Talladega to tour the Honda Plant and

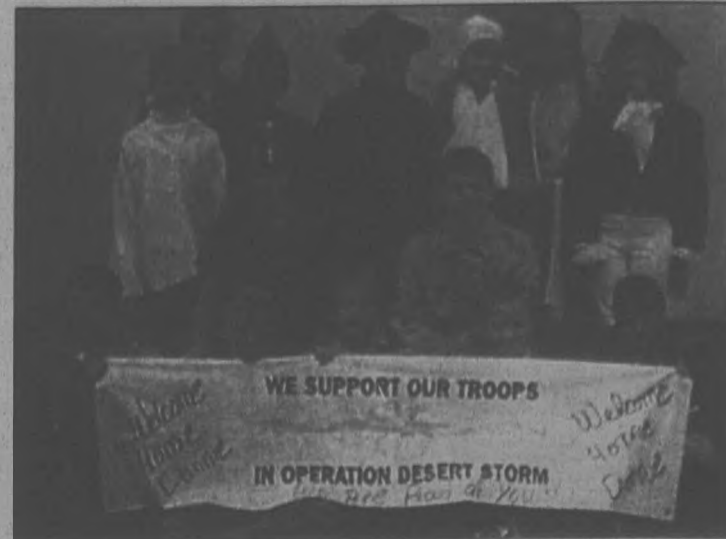
Elba Elementary celebrates Veterans Day

by Sheena Flowers

On Friday, Nov. 8, the Elba Elementary student body and faculty celebrated Veterans Day, which they do every year.

This year, the band favored the audience with patriotic songs, and the audience was even encouraged to sing along. Meredith Brunson said a special prayer for the veterans, and DJ McKee and Bethany Wilson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The choral group, under the direction of Pam Mitchell and Nancy Crowe, led the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Let's Not Take Freedom for Granted". The Student Council presented the audience with a variety of military uniforms from a variety of wars (Civil War to Gulf War), with commentary from their advisor, Mrs. Marsha Oggs. At the end of the parade, a flag holding ceremony was held, the same ceremony used by the United States Air Force Academy.

After the ceremony was completed and the flag was folded (



Those pictured include: (sitting, left to right) - David Maddaloni, Marshall George, Michael Jackson, D.J. McKee and Jason Allen; (kneeling, left to right) - April Fedore and Griffin Cash; (standing, left to right) - Meredith Brunson, Mrs. Marsha Oggs, Jason Mitchell, Richanna Singletary, Ashley Bailey, Keri Jones and Shelby Brunson.

Mrs. Oggs explained the meaning of each fold, the children then introduced their guests (veterans).

The band played another patriotic medley as the students then returned to class.

It was a very impressive ceremony, and the elementary school would like to thank all those involved in the presentation.



The students enjoyed visiting the International Motorsports Hall of Fame while in Talladega.

observe the race tracks on Oct. 31. At the Talladega Speedway, the group also toured the museum, and at the Honda Plant the group toured the grounds of the factory.

The students saw the process in which each individual part of a vehicle was pieced together to create a whole automobile. The process was very precise so errors in an automobile are extremely rare. They observed the welding techniques used and the puzzle of an engine being put together. All in all, the students were assured that Honda vehicles are high quality automobiles.

The race tracks, at the Talladega Speedway, were everything and more than the students expected.

The group had a preview of the new Nascar Winston Cup series cars in action. Because of the preview, the students could not experience the actual track. They had planned on walking

the track, as was done in previous trips to Talladega, to grasp the concept of how fast a race car must be going to round a curve. One person once said that he could not even walk the curve because it was so steep.

There were several buildings that held information about the Talladega Speedway and certain people who had raced there. Each building represented past history of the Speedway. The museum at the Speedway was extremely enlightening.

This trip helped the students gain knowledge on the mass production of vehicles and the history of the Talladega Speedway.

Next year, hopefully more students participate in VICA activities to make it possible for them to go on the annual VICA trip.

Co-Op Spotlight

Seniors attend ESJC Career Fair

by Kimberly Farris

This week's spotlight focuses on senior Devri Kilcrease. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Ricky and Teresa Kilcrease.

Miss Kilcrease works in the Customer Service Dept. at Kelley's Foods and is a member of the Women Chapel Assembly of God. She is involved in a number of activities at EHS such as Sr. Beta, FCS, Girl Scout Troop #300, Spanish Club, VICA, Varsity cheerleader, Varsity softball, and Varsity volleyball. Her hobbies consist of riding 4-wheelers, playing sports and writing.

Congratulations to Devri Kilcrease!!!!

Students study another culture through Spanish Club

by Brittany Cooper

Spanish Club consists of a group of students who are interested in learning about Latin American and Spanish cultures. Students can practice the Spanish language while participating in various activities, fund raisers and group events. Being involved in the club gives members the opportunity to practice responsibility, creativity, leadership and service. It also makes members aware of the richness and diversity of the Hispanic culture.

The Sponsor of the Spanish Club is Senor Mendez. The 2002-2003 officers are Jessica Hathcock - President, Alex Allen - Vice-President, Christy Bubanks - Secretary, Shawna Hill - Treasurer, Brittany Cooper - Reporter and Ashley Walden - Historian.

The members of the Spanish Club meet every third Wednesday of the month during

Hall, Snuggs Hall and Sessions Hall, which were all built in 1966. They also visited Talmadge Hall, the newest building on the ESJC campus.

After the campus tour, the students went to the ESJC gymnasium where they took part in the annual ESJC Career Fair. There were over 85 careers represented at the fair including the Coast Guard, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Polyengineering and the Department of Conservation.

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Club Time: Meetings are held in High School Room 2. Students who have successfully completed two years of Spanish are eligible and encouraged to become members.

SCHOOL NEWS

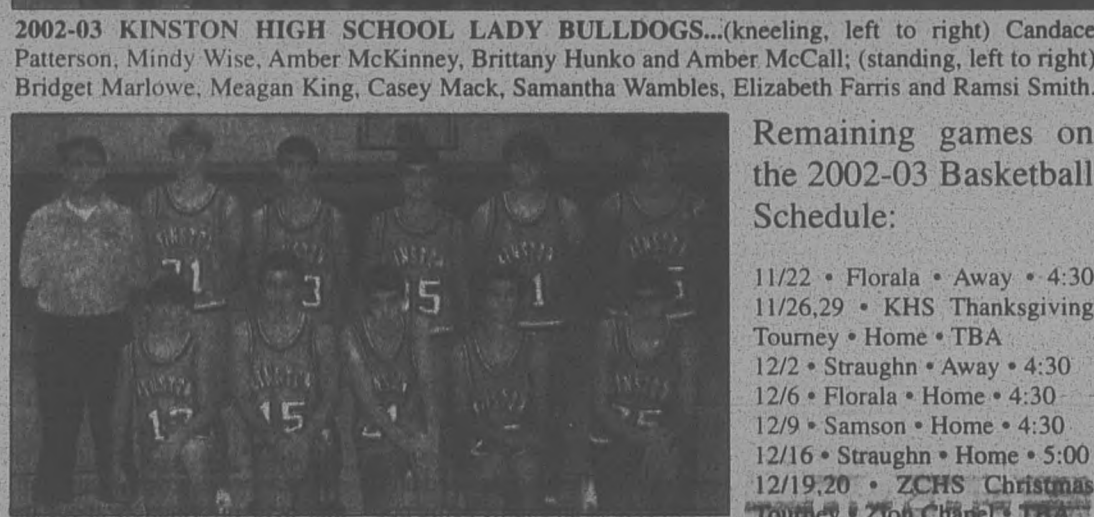
Kinston jumps to basketball season



2002-03 KINSTON HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS... (left to right) Shawn Brantley, Chase Williams, Matthew McInnis, Lee Whigham, Jeremy Driver, Jeff Etheridge, Josh Reeves, Jason McInnis, Jim Bedsole, J.T. Wiggins, and Coach Gary Glass (kneeling).



2002-03 KINSTON HIGH SCHOOL LADY BULLDOGS... (kneeling, left to right) Candace Patterson, Mindy Wise, Amber McKinney, Brittany Hunko and Amber McCall; (standing, left to right) Bridget Marlowe, Meagan King, Casey Mack, Samantha Wambles, Elizabeth Farris and Ramsi Smith.



2002-03 KINSTON BULLDOGS JV TEAM... (kneeling, left to right) Garrett Parker, Matt Parker, Anthony Weeks, Chad Bedsole, Billy Johnson, Josh Driver, Ramsey Phillips, Joseph McCrummen, Josh Lowery and Shawn Miller with Coach Gary Glass.



2002-03 KINSTON LADY BULLDOGS JV TEAM... (kneeling, left to right) Kourtney Pierce, Deanna Manning, Amber McKinney, Christina Hataway, Whitney Davis, Ashley McCall and Christie Whigham; (standing, left to right) Ashley Kelley, Kaliegh Sanders, Casey Mack, Candace Patterson, Heather Marlowe and Jessie Jacobs.

Kinston's junior high basketball team off to good start

The Kinston Junior High Boys Basketball team is coached by Charles Edwards.

They picked up two wins this past week over Zion Chapel and Fleets following wins over Elba and New Brocton the prior week.

Last Tuesday afternoon the Bulldogs, led by seventh graders Clay Craig (22 pts) and Aaron Jacobs (10 pts), defeated Zion Chapel by the score of 47-21. Robert Yates and Lee McCrummen had several steals in the pressure defense provided by the Bulldogs.

On Thursday, the Junior High boys improved their record to 7-1.



KES HOLD CANNED FOOD DRIVE... The month of November is the Can Food Drive for the Kinston Elementary SGA. Each elementary student is asked to bring canned goods from home to donate to the food drive. At the end of the month the food will be distributed to needy families in the area. The elementary SGA will reward the class with the most donations with an ice-cream party. Pictured are the SGA officers.



Kinston Schools BULLDOG NEWS

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KES 4-H News

by Lane Taylor

In 4-H we do a lot of exciting things like contest and workshops. In 4-H this year, I am the only officer because I was the only one to do three events last year. We are doing a lot of fun things like woodworking exhibit - building a magazine rack, the cookie contest, and Christmas decoration workshop. These are some of the fun things we do in 4-H. Mrs. Hughes worked with us on manners that we need to use and being polite around others.

by Alyse Roberts

On Thursday, Nov. 14, Mrs. Hughes, our 4-H leader, came to Kinston to meet with Mrs. Hornsby's class. Our President is Gunter Davis, vice-president is Allison Bess, secretary is Alyse Roberts, reader is Daniel Williams, and song leaders are Aaron Rachel and Derrian Driggers. We talked about our manners and how we act at the table. 4-H is fun!

by Bethany Hawthorne

Mrs. Smith's class met Nov. 14 for 4-H. The officers are: president- Ashley Snell, vice-president- Hunter Anderson, Reader- Micheal Edwards, Secretary- Bethany Hawthorne, and song leaders- Camery Matthews and Jim Jones. We had Wildlife Field Day and cookie workshop. The decorate a pumpkin contest was on Oct. 26. The categories were cutest, most creative, and scariest. The woodworking exhibit should be brought to the Jan. meeting. The Christmas decorations workshop will be Dec. 3. New Brocton.

by Abby Williams

In the 4-H group for Mrs. Glass's class the officers are president- Amber Smith, vice-president- Kitt Johnson, Secretary- Abby Williams, Reader- Ashleigh Adams, and song leaders- Jake Hataway and Whitney Hercus. Our events for the month of Nov. are the cookie contest, woodworking exhibit and Christmas decorations workshop. We also have 4-H food activities like Baked Food Exhibit.

Have a Safe & Happy Thanksgiving holiday!!



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Veterans honored by Kinston SGA

The Kinston High School Student Government Association honored area veterans with a Veterans Day program and a reception on Nov. 11.

The program began with the posting of the colors by the 1-14th Regiment Color Guard unit from Ft. Rucker. The Pledge of Allegiance followed this with the National Anthem being sung by high school student Kacie Kelley. Speakers for this special occasion were Larry Rountree and Tasha Reeves, SGA president. Janie Wiggins and Jaunie Dredding provided special music.

This annual program is designed to provide an opportunity to give thanks to the veterans whose steadfast service brought peace and prosperity to the country.

Jim Bedsole earns 1,288 yards during '02 football season



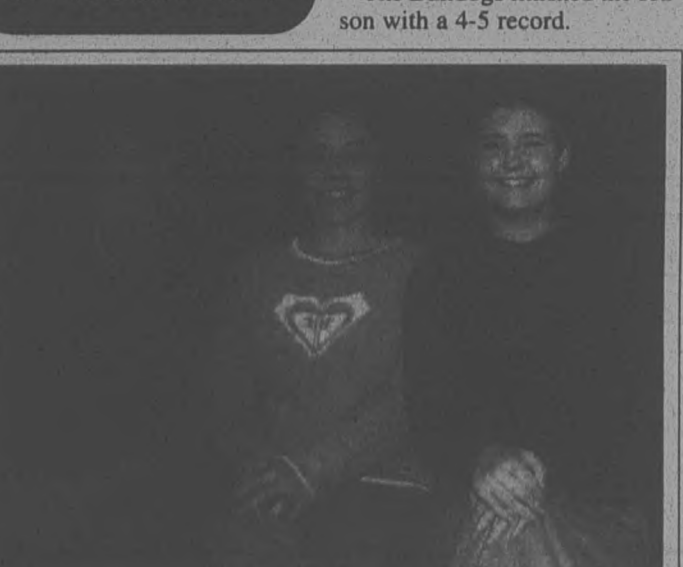
Jim Bedsole, a senior tailback for the Bulldog football team, had a solid season as he rushed for 1,288 yards on 158 carries. He ended the season with 10 touchdowns and four interceptions.

The thing that makes this accomplishment so amazing is the fact this was Bedsole's first year as running back.

Kinston head coach Gary Glass decided to move Bedsole from wide receiver to running back during the summer due to graduation depleting the tailback position.

Bedsole is quick to credit the offensive line for his success running the ball this year. The Bulldogs finished the season with a 4-5 record.

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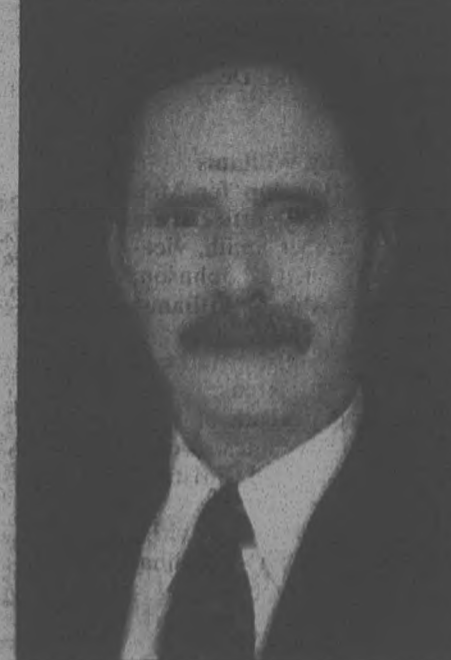


On Thursday, Nov. 21 (TONIGHT), 6:30 p.m. at the Farm Center in New Brocton, three outstanding students from Kinston will be recognized: Matthew McInnis, Ashley Johnson, and Tara Williams. These students will be recognized during the Farm City Banquet along with students from across Coffee County as part of the 2002 Coffee County Farm City Week activities.

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Thank You, Voters of District One



Dear Friends,
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your calls, your support, and the vote of confidence you gave me on November 5, 2002.

It is an honor to represent District One on the Coffee County School Board, and I ask for your prayers.

As your school board member from District One, I will continue to work to provide the opportunity for all the students of Coffee County to succeed.

Thank you for your support,

Charles Walker
Chairman, Coffee County School Board

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz girls got a craving last week for a chocolate cake like their "Nanny" used to make and on two different nights went out and bought a cake mix and all the ingredients to make some homemade fudge frosting. The frosting turned out to be delicious and they enjoyed cleaning the sides of the pot with spoons just like years ago. However, their cake mix didn't really make enough batter to fill three cake pans, and after both attempts the cakes looked more than a little flat. Hey, I was happy the girls gave it a try and maybe next time I will help, if they learn how to clean up the kitchen after they get finished.

SCANNING THE DIAL FOR AREA SPORTS NEWS...

***The Brantley Bulldogs were eliminated from the Class 1A state football playoffs last week by the Autaugaville Eagles in a 20-17 overtime thriller, and the loss closed the door on the playoffs for the team in our coverage area. The Bulldogs jumped ahead early and then rallied late to send the game into overtime, but just couldn't keep the powerful Eagles from scoring in the extra period and saw their season come to a disappointing end. Back after the Bulldogs lost to Elba 13-0 in their season opener there weren't many football fans that thought Brantley would win the region and be a state title contender, but the "Dogs did just that and closed the season with an outstanding 9-3 record. To win nine games in a rebuilding year is something to be proud of, and there can be no doubt that the Brantley Bulldogs and their fans are already looking forward to the kick off of next year's football season. The "Dogs are back and hungry for more!"

***The state high school football playoffs will enter the third round this week and after two weeks of action there has already been enough excitement and surprises to fill most playoff seasons. Here are just a few. (Class 1A) Clay County entered the playoffs ranked #1 and has continued to enjoy its first year as a 1A team by rolling past its first two victims by a combined score of 88-0. Cottonwood entered the post season with a 4-6 slate and was penciled in for an early exit, but the Bears have battled past Marengo 28-6 and Maplesville 17-14, and now have everyone's attention. (Class 2A) Two Wiregrass area teams have continued to make big noise in the 2A ranks as Houston Academy and Slocumb both stand at 11-1 after two weeks of post-season action. The Raiders have already posted lopsided wins over perennial power Excel

38-0 and defending state champ Gordo 39-13, while the Red Tops are still looking for respect after playoff wins over Leroy 12-6 and Fulsow 21-0. (Class 3A) Pike County dropped its final game of the regular season, but has rolled past its first two victims by a combined score of 99-6, and it looks like the Bulldogs could very well be a legitimate state title contender. T.R. Miller carried a 6-3 record into the playoffs after a so-so season, but has come to life since and has posted identical 35-0 wins over Daleville and Tarrant. Keep an eye on the Tigers. (Class 4A) Defending state champ UMS-Wright dropped its season opener to 6A McGill-Toolen, but has now won ten straight and has rolled past its first two playoff opponents by a combined score of 80-6. Daleville was hoping for big things prior to the start of the season, and moved to 10-2 on the season last week with a 34-13 playoff win over previously undefeated Dallas County. The Warhawks only two losses have been to 5A Carroll and 5A Charles Henderson, and the "Hawks may be hunting a title. (Class 5A) Horneswood continued to pile up the points last week in a 49-25 win over Fairhope, and while the Patriots are allowing almost 30 points a game, I guess it means little when you can score 52 a game. Russellville moved to 12-0 with a 40-14 win over Mortimer. Jordan and Coach Perry Swindall's troops appear on course for a third straight semifinal berth. That elusive state title could be getting closer. (Class 6A) Opelika remained undefeated and top ranked with a 17-10 win over defending state champ Daphne, and it looks like Coach Spence McCracken could be headed for that state title he was expected to deliver back when he was hired away from Montgomery's Robert E. Lee. Also, Jeff Davis continued to try to bring the 6A glory back to Montgomery with a shocking 22-21 win over previously unbeaten Vigor. The Vols may not be a real state contender, but they have pumped new life into what used to be the top football city in the state.

***I leaned back in my recliner Saturday and watched both Auburn and Alabama play on the tube. Auburn played well in its loss to Georgia, but seemed to go into a shell on offense in the second half when opening up a 21-10 lead and played not to lose instead of playing to win. It was a tough loss, but one that should teach the Auburn coaches that a game isn't over until the final horn sounds. Alabama simply lined up and whipped LSU like a government mule to quiet the huge crowd on hand for the night game in Baton Rouge. While there is little doubt LSU is the most over-rated team in the conference, the way the Tide rolled past the Bayou Bengals was most impressive. The so-called college experts may say the SEC is down, but that isn't the case here in Alabama as both Alabama and Auburn are among the nation's best.

***The high school basketball season may just be getting started, but the junior high teams are in full swing and the teams here in Elba

are hitting the court at least two nights a week. Elba is fielding teams for seventh grade boys and eighth grade boys, as well as eighth grade girls and ninth grade girls. The players work hard every day and stay up late a couple of nights a week to show off their skills, and so far it has been a fun season to watch. The wins aren't coming in as fast as the players, coaches and fans would like, but at this time the learning process has just started, and the foundation is being shaped. The weekly schedules will be posted the remainder of the season and I urge all Elba fans to come out and give these young Tigers the support they deserve.

***Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office early Sunday morning and must not have read the weather report since he came in the door wearing shorts and a t-shirt. He did admit it was chilly and said he would find the rest of his pants as soon as he got home, and then dropped off this week's playoff picks. The local gossip hit on 20 of 24 picks last week to move his yearly totals to 335-65, and after two weeks is enjoying his best playoff season ever. Okay, let's see how the cold weather affects his prognostications.

PLAYOFF PICKS

Central, Phenix City 17 Jeff Davis 15
Opelika 21 Prattville 7
Hoover 24 Tuscaloosa County 21
Mt. Brook 28 Decatur 14
Hawood 41 B.C. Rain 21
Briarwood Christian 27 Williamson 22
Hartselle 17 Albertville 7
Russellville 28 Pleasant Grove 17
UMS-Wright 17 Daleville 13
Trinity 20 Demopolis 14
Cleburne County 27 Boaz 13
Deshler 17 North Jackson 16
Pike County 26 Montgomery Academy 14
T.R. Miller 21 Springville 7
Litchfield 22 Dora 14
Colbert County 14 Oneonta 13
Southern Choctaw 16 Houston Academy 14
Washington County 15 Slocumb 14
Lineville 28 Ohatchee 21
Pisgah 29 Randolph County 27
McKenzie 27 Autaugaville 21
Isabella 28 Cottonwood 7
Clay County 28 Cedar Bluff 8
Hazelwood 15 Parrish 13

8th grade Tigers bury Zion Chapel

Elba Junior High Tigers off to a busy start

The Elba Junior High Tigers have been busy in recent weeks on the basketball court with both the seventh grade Tigers and eighth grade Tigers hitting the court in early-season action. Following are highlights of recent action:

EIGHTH GRADE TIGERS

Kinston 35
Elba 29
The Elba 8th grade Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 35-29 loss to the Kinston Bulldogs, in Kinston. The Tigers' Jimmy Morris drilled a three-pointer in the opening quarter to lead Elba, but it was the only points the Tigers could manage in the stanza as Kinston pulled out to a 10-3 lead. Elba matched the Bulldogs' bucket-for-bucket over the final three quarters and actually outscored Kinston 26-25 for the remainder of the contest. However, the early deficit was too much to overcome as Kinston held on and claimed the 35-29 win.

Jimmy Morris scored 13 points

to lead Elba, while Grice scored 13 for Kinston.
Kinston (35): Grice 13, Jacobs 5, Craig 9, Sanders 1, McGinnis 4, Mack 2.
Elba (29): J. Morris 13, Jackson 6, Frazier 2, Manning 4, C. Morris 4.

Brantley 44

Elba 36
The Elba 8th grade Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 44-36 loss to the Brantley Bulldogs, in Brantley. The Tigers trailed 18-5 after the first quarter of play, but rallied in the second quarter behind the six-point lead of Randall Crawford to cut the Brantley lead to 25-13 at the half. Brantley extended its advantage to 38-23 in the third quarter and then turned back a late Elba rally to hold on and claim the 44-36 win.

Jimmy Morris scored 13 points and Randall Caldwell added 10 to lead Brantley.

Brantley (44): Knighten 4, Frazier 4, Cook 3, Helms 4, Odom 2, Pitts 10, Booker 3.

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Daniels 4, Johnson 7, Owens 2.
Elba (36): J. Morris 13, Manning 2, Nelson 1, Martin 1, Gibson 4, C. Morris 2, McCormick 3, Caldwell 10.

Enterprise 52

Elba 34
The Elba 8th grade Tigers fell behind early and never threatened in a 52-34 loss to Enterprise Junior High, in Enterprise. The Tigers trailed 15-2 after one quarter, but went into the half trailing 33-9 and despite scoring 25 points in the second half, never really threatened as the Wildcats cruised to the 52-34 win.

William Carpenter scored the second quarter to lead Elba, while Gurley scored 9 to lead Enterprise.

Enterprise (52): Whitaker 4, Gurley 9, Roberts 4, Hart 8, Holliday 8, Scherer 2, Kinay 3, Bonan 2, Thomas 2, Christian 4, Whitehurst 6.

Elba (34): J. Morris 4, Tillis 8, Carpenter 12, Caldwell 4, Parks 2, Martin 3, Morrow 1.

SEVENTH GRADE TIGERS

Opp 34
Elba 29

The Elba 7th grade Tigers scored only two points in the fourth quarter as the Opp Bobcats staged a late rally and posted a 34-29 win, in Elba. The Tigers rode the hit hand of Randall Caldwell to grab an early 8-3 lead and Elba carried a 27-24 lead into the final stanza, only to go cold from the floor and watch as Opp rallied to put the 34-29 win.

Randall Caldwell scored 23 points to lead Elba, while Jones scored 25 to lead Opp.

Opp (34): Davidson 1, Jones 25, Hall 4, Wilson 2, Lane 2.

Elba (29): Martin 5, C. Morris 1, Caldwell 23.

Opp 39

Elba 36

The Elba 8th grade Tigers saw Opp rally in the closing minutes as the Bobcats pulled out an exciting 39-36 win, in Elba. Elba led from an early 10-4 deficit to put within 16-14 at the half, then appeared to take command in the third quarter as the Tigers opened up a 27-24 lead. Opp pulled even midway through the quarter and then pulled away late to escape with the hard fought 39-36 win.

Jimmy Morris and Tyshun Frazier both scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Rhett Barnes led Opp with 14 points.

Opp (39): Jones 10, Barnes 14, Elba 36.

Enterprise 28

Elba 15

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Hannah Manning and Kalecia Magwood both scored 4 points to lead Elba, while Pryor scored 11 points to lead Enterprise.

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SPORTS

Fall to Autaugaville 20-17 in overtime

Brantley Bulldogs make exit from 1A prep playoffs

Story by Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs saw the 2002 football season come to an end Friday night at the hands of the Autaugaville Eagles as the visiting Eagles used a solid ground game and a hard hitting defense, and on fourth down the scoring threat died when Brantley's Marcel Stamps cut in front of an Eagle receiver at the 4-yardline and made an interception.

Jamyal Jones burst through the Autaugaville defense for a 29-yard dash on the Bulldogs' next play from scrimmage to give the Brantley offense breathing room, but the next three plays, noted only one yard and the "Dogs were forced to punt."

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ESTATE OF MICHAEL TERRY BARNES, DECEASED.
PROBATE COURT
CASE NO. PC-02-064

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Gypsy Morrow on the 31st day of October, 2002, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Done this 31st day of October, 2002.
/s/ Gypsy Morrow
Personal Representative
William O. Gammill
Judge of Probate
11/21, 28, 12/5, 12 chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BERYL CHURCHILL INGE, DECEASED.
CASE NO. PC-2002-58
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT


Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 13th day of November, 2002, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ ALAN CHURCHILL
Personal Representative
/s/ William O. Gammill
PROBATE JUDGE
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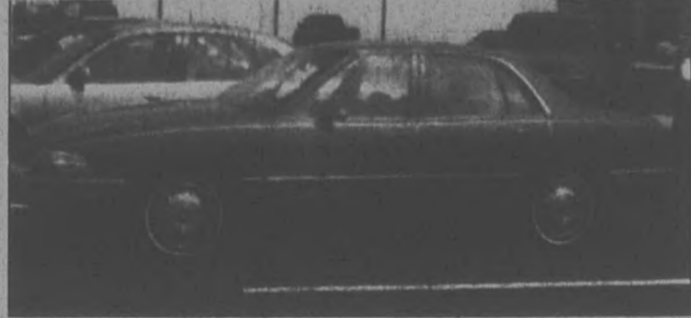
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Local residents arrested on drug charges

A Coffee County man found himself facing several criminal charges last week after law enforcement agents executed search warrants at his residence. Michael E. Bullard, age 48, of Elba, was arrested after agents with the Alabama Alcohol Beverage Control Board Enforcement Division along with deputies from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department executed the search warrant on Thursday, Nov. 21, at his residence in the Curtis community.

While at the residence, officers discovered a methamphetamine laboratory and recovered more than 500 grams of methamphetamine, valued at over \$50,000. Also recovered was a Polar ATV (four-wheeler) that had been reported stolen from another Coffee County residence.

Bullard was arrested and charged with one count of trafficking in methamphetamine, one count of manufacturing a controlled substance, one count of possession of a controlled substance and one count of receiving stolen property first degree. According to ABC officials, Bullard was placed in the Coffee County Jail where District Judge Steven Blair later set bonds totaling \$2,023,000 for all counts.

An Elba resident, Iris Stevens, age 31, was arrested at the Bullard residence during the search and she was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Stevens' bond was set at \$10,000, and she was transported to the Houston County Detention Center, according to officials.

A third arrest at the Bullard residence involved a female juvenile who was taken to the youth detention facility near Dothan.

ABC officials said this is an ongoing investigation into methamphetamine production and other arrests are anticipated.

Elba City Council closes door on open containers of alcohol in public areas

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

At first glance, it appeared the Elba City Council was already passing ordinances to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages Monday evening, but it only approved a short ordinance banning the possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages on public streets, in an automobile, etc.

This will give the law officers a local law to enforce, rather than relying only upon state open container laws. The council also passed an ordinance extending the probationary period for all new or rehired police department personnel to a minimum of 180 days or until they successfully complete certification school. The police officers must successfully complete state minimum training and certification while new and rehired communications officers must successfully complete E-911 training and certification before getting off the probationary status.

An employee may be demoted, transferred or terminated at the discretion of the department any time before they complete their probationary period. Council members briefly reviewed the current financial statement. The City has completed a month of the fiscal year in good shape, according to Elba Mayor James Grimes.

"We are a little over budget in revenue, and expenses are a little under budget," Grimes told council members. He added, "We hope this continues."

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that street resurfacing will begin on December 2nd in the Morrow Village area and move from there to Kennedy Estates.

He added that after the holidays, the Alabama Department of Transportation will "shoot elevations" on the Kingston Highway to determine what remedies can be taken to eliminate standing water problems in the Clark Subdivision area.

Grimes set a workshop for Monday night, December 2nd, to begin work on the local alcohol ordinances following the wet-dry vote of November 5th.

Coffee County mapper speaks to Elba Lions Club

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Lions Club members got a treat Tuesday, Nov. 12, as the guest speaker used her time to discuss two separate issues.

Lynn Jones serves Coffee County as its mapper and works out of the mapping and appraisals office in New Brockton; however, she also serves as a Lions Club member in Level Plains.

Jones began her presentation by explaining her job as the county's mapper in which she said she has been the mapper for Coffee County since 1994 but has been employed with the county since 1990.

She said when she took over as the county mapper in 1994, there were approximately 24,500 parcels of land in the county and that number increased to approximately 28,500 in 2002.

Jones said the mapping procedure starts when the property owner records the deed. She said it is not a law in Alabama to record the deed; however, the property owner can not put the land in his/her name until it is recorded.

Jones also told Lions' members that she just received her state certification in which she was the first mapper to pass the complete test since 1998.

At the present time, Jones said there are 67 certified active and in-active manual mappers in the State of Alabama with seven certified digital mappers.

Before moving to the next part of her presentation, Jones accepted questions from the members concerning her job.

Then, she began speaking about her time as a member of

the Level Plains Lions Club in which she has served as treasurer, president and currently serves as zone chairman.

As zone chairman, Jones said she supervises and monitors seven other clubs, and she hopes

to become region chairman next year.

"I encourage you to send your new members to leadership

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15th Annual Elba Christmas Festival set for Saturday

The holiday season is fast approaching and to culminate the spirit, the Elba Chamber of Commerce invites all to attend the 15th Annual Elba Christmas Festival on Saturday, Nov. 30. The day's activities will be held at the historic courthouse square in Elba and will begin at 9 a.m.

The festival has been expanded this year and promises to be a fun-filled day for all ages. Entertainment will begin at 9 a.m. and run continuously throughout the day.

Arts and crafts will abound around the courthouse square with many vendors and artisans displaying their merchandise. This also will be a great time to begin Christmas shopping as many Elba merchants will be open. In addition, numerous food vendors will be located around the square and will offer many different selections for any taste.

There will be a huge focus on children's activities this year with Dune Buggy the Clown to highlight the event with his humor and tractor pull for the children. The traditional favorites for the children also promise to be a success this year.

Consumers are urged not to forget to turn in their filled "Santa Stamps" game piece to the chamber office on or before Friday, Nov. 29, or bring them to the Elba Chamber of Commerce booth on the day of the festival before 12 Noon.

The drawing for the prizes will be held at Noon during the Christmas Festival. Participants must be present to win.

As soon as the activities on the square begin to wrap up for the evening, the streets of Elba will be filled with a vast array of lights and sounds of the sea-

Elba High School Ambassador Heather Hays joined several fellow ambassadors and other volunteers on the square in Elba last Saturday morning, Nov. 23, to help decorate for Christmas. Despite cold temperatures, the group worked to decorate the trees around the courthouse, put lights on the gazebos and around the fountain, as well as display other holiday designs. The group also began decorating the Pea River Bridge which will hopefully be completed before the weekend when Elba will celebrate its 15th Annual Christmas Festival. At the conclusion of the festival, the lights will be officially turned on in celebration of the 2002 holiday season.

son as the 15th Annual Elba Christmas Parade begins at 4:30 p.m. The parade promises to be bigger and better than ever, spotlighting dignitaries, churches, local businesses, beauty queens, marching bands and a variety of festive floats, as well as the big man himself - Santa Claus.

The parade will be guided into town by a Magical Christmas Float. This float will start down the streets approximately 10 minutes before all other entries. The purpose of this float is to distribute food and toys to the needy during the holiday season. All parade onlookers are asked to bring a nonperishable food item or a packaged toy and place these items on the Magical Christmas Float as it passes by.

Immediately following the parade, all spectators will be given candles and asked to return to the courthouse square for the memorable All-Star Lighting Ceremony.

The lighting ceremony will recognize Elba's top citizens who have made a mark on this community as they display a year for community service and "big hearts" for their hometown. During the ceremony, candles will be lit to enhance the beautifully decorated courthouse square, and the crowd will be asked to join their fellow neighbors in singing Christmas cards.

"Christmas in Elba" has arrived, and the Elba Chamber of Commerce strives to make it one for everyone to remember with the 15th Annual Elba Christmas Festival on Saturday, Nov. 30.

15th Annual Elba Christmas Festival Entertainment Schedule:

9 a.m. - Opening Ceremony - Raise Flag - Boy Scouts
9:30 a.m. - FFA Quartet & String Band - Enterprise
10:30 a.m. - Michelle Goolsby
11 a.m. - Westside Choir - Adult & Children
11:30 a.m. - Cloggers
12 Noon - Introduction of Elba Queens and Santa Stamps Drawing
12:15 p.m. - Julie Parrish Dance Team
12:30 p.m. - Dune Buggy the Clown
1 p.m. - Gretchen Nagel
1:15 p.m. - Dilene Calhoun
1:30 p.m. - Handbell Choir - First Baptist
2 p.m. - Refuge Pentecostal
2:30 p.m. - Dixie Darlings Dancelane
3 p.m. - Alisha Jerrell & Chris McMahon
3:30 p.m. - SHEBANG - Championship Clogging Team
4:30 p.m. - Annual Christmas Parade
Elba's All-Star Lighting Ceremony will follow the parade.

Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The offices will reopen on Monday, Dec. 2, at 8 a.m. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electric, water, street or sewer. To report an emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 897-3333. The garbage is as follows: no change for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday's route will be picked up on Friday. Please have cans out by the road before 6:00 a.m.

THE ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB will meet Monday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. in the boy's locker room at Elba High School. All members are encouraged to attend.

THE ELBA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION and the Human Resource Development Commission are in need of new and used toys, clothes and other items that will be used as gifts for needy families in the 2002 Adopt-A-Family Christmas campaign. Donations in Elba and the surrounding area will be appreciated at the two agencies, and items can be dropped off at the Elba Police Department, 1000 N. Highway 84, or the Elba Fire Station, 1000 N. Highway 84. The public is encouraged to donate items to the agencies. The agencies are located at 1000 N. Highway 84, Elba, Alabama 36323. For more information, call 897-3333.

NOTICE

If anyone is in the area of the Elba Police Department, please call 897-3333.